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Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett issued the following statement today on the guilty verdict rendered in the trial of Michael McGee, Jr.

“In April, the voters of the 6th district did their job. Now the prosecutors and the courts have done theirs.

There is no place for corruption in this City, certainly not in City Hall. Business owners have a right to conduct their affairs fairly and legally without the threat of retribution or extortion.

The Common Council must now work to restore the trust of the people of this city. I have offered my assistance to the Council to reform aldermanic privilege and if an ordinance effectively doing so comes to my desk, I will sign it.”

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A copy of the letter to President Hines and Alderman Bohl is attached.



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Alderman Willie L. Hines, Jr., President
Alderman James A. Bohl, Jr., Chair of License Committee
Milwaukee Common Council
Room 205 – City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Council President Hines and Alderman Bohl:

I am writing today to reiterate my commitment to working with you on drafting and implementing reforms to Common Council's licensing procedures.

I want to be clear; I will sign a real reform ordinance and I offer my assistance in drafting such an ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Barrett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the start of the name.

Tom Barrett
Mayor